

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1315

Introduced by Assembly Member Liu

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 76160 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1315, as introduced, Liu. Community colleges: textbook supplemental grant pilot program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at campuses operated by these districts. Existing law requires the board of governors to appoint a chief executive officer, known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program that will enable a city to help its residents who are community college students to obtain textbooks. The bill would require the chancellor to choose a California city to participate in the pilot program established by this bill from the cities that submit applications to the chancellor for this purpose. The bill would require a city that submits an application to commit to identify a local revenue source to fund the pilot program and to establish a scholarship program for its residents who are community college students.

The bill would establish a pilot program that would provide grants of up to \$1,000 for each eligible community college student in the participant city. The grant funds would be used for course-related

textbooks and other course-related instructional materials, including, but not necessarily limited to, laboratory equipment.

The bill would require the chancellor to establish, and appoint the membership of, a 9-member Community Colleges Textbook Supplemental Grant Pilot Program Oversight Committee. The bill would specify the groups to be represented by the chancellor's appointments to the oversight committee. The bill would also specify the categories of data, relating to the operation of the pilot program, to be collected and examined by the oversight committee as the basis for an annual recommendation to the chancellor and the participant city with respect to the level of funding required for a subsequent year of the pilot program.

The bill would require that the chancellor submit written findings and recommendations about the pilot program to the Legislature after the pilot program has operated for no less than 2 years and no more than 3 years.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 76160 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 76160. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot
- 4 program that will enable a city to help its residents who are
- 5 community college students to obtain textbooks.
- 6 (b) The chancellor shall choose a California city to participate
- 7 in the pilot program established by this section from the cities
- 8 that submit applications to the chancellor for this purpose. The
- 9 chancellor shall develop and adopt regulations to determine the
- 10 procedures for the submission of applications and the criteria to
- 11 be used in selecting the participant city.
- 12 (c) A city that submits an application to the chancellor shall
- 13 commit to accomplishing both of the following in a timely
- 14 manner:
- 15 (1) Identifying a local revenue source to fund the pilot
- 16 program. This revenue source may be from available funds that
- 17 the city possesses, or from a tax or fee enacted by the city, from
- 18 federal funds, from funds received from a grant or donation from
- 19 a private source, or from a combination of these sources.

1 (2) Establishing a scholarship program for city residents who
2 are community college students. The eligibility requirements for
3 this city scholarship program shall, as nearly as feasible, match
4 the eligibility requirements of the Cal Grant Program that are set
5 forth in Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430) of Part
6 42.

7 (d) The pilot program shall provide grants of up to one
8 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each eligible community college
9 student in the participant city. The grant funds shall be used for
10 course-related textbooks and other course-related instructional
11 materials, including, but not necessarily limited to, laboratory
12 equipment. These grants shall supplement, and not supplant, any
13 other financial aid for which the student may be eligible.

14 (e) (1) The chancellor shall establish a nine-member
15 Community Colleges Textbook Supplemental Grant Pilot
16 Program Oversight Committee. The chancellor shall appoint the
17 members of the committee, in consultation with the members of
18 the governing board of each community college district having
19 jurisdiction within the boundaries of the participant city, as
20 follows:

21 (A) One member shall be a member of the governing board of
22 a community college district with jurisdiction within the
23 boundaries of the participant city.

24 (B) One member shall be a community college student who
25 resides in the participant city.

26 (C) Two members shall represent the community that provides
27 the revenue source for the pilot program. These members may be
28 taxpayers, ratepayers, federal officials, officers or employees of
29 foundations, or a combination of these categories.

30 (D) Five members shall be members of the public at large who
31 reside in the participant city.

32 (2) The members of the oversight committee shall serve at the
33 pleasure of the chancellor.

34 (f) (1) The oversight committee shall determine how to
35 administer the pilot program uniformly across all the districts and
36 colleges that may be located in the participant city, and shall
37 ensure that the revenue for the pilot program is used solely by
38 eligible students for course-related textbooks and other
39 course-related instructional materials. The oversight committee

1 shall also establish a data collection and monitoring system that,
2 on an annual basis, will track all of the following data:

3 (A) How much revenue is available to support the pilot
4 program.

5 (B) How much of the available revenue is expended.

6 (C) How many students participate in the pilot program.

7 (D) How many courses are taken by participant students for
8 which textbooks and other instructional materials funded by the
9 pilot program are used.

10 (E) The average amount, per course, that a participant student
11 expends on textbooks and other instructional materials.

12 (F) The benefits realized by participant students, including, but
13 not necessarily limited to, the taking of additional courses or
14 enrollment in additional academic terms that would not otherwise
15 have occurred.

16 (G) The effect on the community that provides the revenue for
17 the pilot program.

18 (2) The data collected annually pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
19 be the basis of a recommendation to the chancellor and the
20 participant city by the oversight committee with respect to the
21 level of funding that is required for a subsequent year of the pilot
22 program.

23 (g) After the pilot program has operated for no less than two
24 years, and no more than three years, the chancellor shall submit
25 to the Legislature, in writing, his or her findings and
26 recommendations about the pilot program.